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SUBJECT: LOS: STATMENT BY FONMIN

1. FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO-PAREDES, IN A JUNE 7 PRESS CONFERENCE, DECLARED THAT "THE TRADITIONAL CONCEPT OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA IS OUTDATED AND INOPERATIVE. IT IS NEITHER IN ACCORD WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF COASTAL STATES NOR WITH PRESENT-DAY SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES". FOR THAT REASON, HE WENT ON, ECUADOR HAS SINCE 1952 "BASED ITS INTERNATIONAL MARITIME POLICY ON THE EXTENSION OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND JURISDICTION" OUT TO 200 MILES OF ADJACENT SEA. IT CONSIDERS "THE SURFACE, INTERMEDIATE COLUMN OF WATER, CORRESPONDING OCEAN BOTTOM AND SUBSOIL AND ALL THE RESOURCES CONTAINED THEREIN, TO BE A PHYSICAL AND JURIDICAL UNIT".

2. LUCIO CLAIMED THAT ECUADOR'S POLICY DOES NOT NEGATIVELY AFFECT ANY OTHER STATE, "SINCE IT GUARANTEES
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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION AND NAVIGATION, WITH THE ONLY

RESTRICTIONS RESULTING FROM THE EXERCISE OF ITS ESSENTIAL RIGHTS AND WITH ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS, IN ZONES NEAR THE COAST, IMPOSED BY THE NECESSITY TO MAINTAIN PEACE, ORDER AND NATIONAL SECURITY".

3. IN EXERCISING ITS RIGHTS, THE COASTAL STATE MAY:

"REGULATE RESEARCH, EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF ITS RENEWABLE AND NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES; DICTATE THE MEASURES TO PREVENT, REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE RISKS AND DAMAGES OF POLLUTION AND OTHER EFFECTS WHICH ARE NOXIOUS OR DANGEROUS TO THE MARINE ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM; AUTHORIZE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITH RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE AND TO RECEIVE THE RESULTS OBTAINED; AND TO AGREE, WITH OTHER STATES OR TECHNICAL ORGANISMS, ON THE MEANS WHICH IT MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY TO PROPERLY PROTECT ITS INTERESTS".

4. ECUADOR WOULD GIVE "DUE CONSIDERATION" TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF LANDLOCKED AND SHELFLOCKED NATIONS, AS WELL AS THE THESIS OF SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF COASTAL STATES OVER THE SUBMARINE PLATFORM. LUCIO ENDORSED THE UN POSITION THAT THE EXTRA-JURISDICTIONAL ZONE SHOULD BE "A COMMON PATRIMONY OF MANKIND". TO REGULATE IT, HE CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY, REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL STATES, WHICH WOULD BE ABLE, ON ITS OWN ACCOUNT, TO CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION. DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS FROM EXPLOITATION OF THIS ZONE SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE SPECIAL SITUATION OF THE LDC'S, "REFERRING NOT ONLY TO THE FINANCIAL ASPECT BUT ALSO TO ITS OPERATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CHARACTER".

5. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY INDICATING THAT THE PRECEDING WOULD FORM ECUADOR'S POSITION AT THE CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE. IT APPEARS CONSISTENT WITH ECUADOREAN VIEWS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN QUITO 3737, 3782 AND 3849.

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